

Hudson County CEDS Meeting  
Hampton Inn and Suites  
100 Passaic Avenue  
Harrison, NJ  
December 7, 2005

**In Attendance:**

**Guy Catrillo**  
**Stephen Marks**  
**Jeff Kaplowitz**  
**Alan Lambiase**  
**Bette Spinelli**

**Naomi Hsu**  
**John Fussa**  
**Al Cameron**  
**Paul Silverman**  
**Adam Greenberg**

**Dan Frohwirth**  
**Howard Tompson**  
**Stuart Koperweis**  
**Joanne VanDorn**

The meeting was called to order with a welcome **by Chairman Kaplowitz at 12:23 pm.** After welcome remarks and wishing all a Happy Holiday, **Chairman Kaplowitz** opened the meeting to the floor for any comments.

A motion was made to adopt minutes by **Bette Spinelli** and seconded by **Joanne VanDorn.**

**Chairman Kaplowitz** opened the floor to discuss any issues.

**Paul Silverman** spoke about The Athena Group open house on a new 220 unit residential project, with going rates around \$500 per square foot.

**Bette Spinelli** spoke on the Brownfield Designation Area (BDA) program from the EDA. This is a central point for developers where there is one case manager per project to expedite permits. Further discussion was had on Harrison and the new Hampton Inn; and the new Walmart on Rt. 508.

**Adam Greenberg**, from the Hampton Inn thanked the HCEDC and Bette for helping with all the grants, etc.

**Joanne VanDorn** let everyone know that tickets are available for the State Chamber train ride on Feb. 2, 2006. She also invited all to the HC Chamber sponsored reception.

CEDS Board terms were discussed for the upcoming year. **Stephen Marks** gave an update on expiring terms and requested input for additional members. **Chairman Kaplowitz** recommended Maureen Wallach from Hudson Community Enterprises. He also suggested that someone from the JC waterfront financial community be added. To this Dan Frohwirth suggested Brian McClain or Bill Dauster. **Bette Spinelli** suggested Gina Boesch from the JC incubator; and she believed that someone from the UEZ program should be on the committee. **Stephen Marks** stated that he will discuss this with the County Executive.

**Stephen Marks** gave an update on the FTZ RFP. The RFP has been circulated to nine consultants. There will be a mandatory pre bid conference. The FTZ subcommittee will recommend the three best who will then be invited to do a presentation. The subcommittee will then make a final recommendation to the full committee.

**Alan Lambiase** spoke about other FTZ sites, the designation process and the benefits. He explained the processing fee associated with a FTZ and how it equates to great savings for a company, using Fortunoff's as an example.

Further discussion took place regarding who should be involved in the process. Once the proposals responses come in they will be forwarded to the committee.

**Stephen Marks** updated the committee on the Bus Circulation and Infrastructure Study regarding the \$150,000 from the NJTPA. The RFP was sent to ten firms. The report scope is for findings and recommendations only to outline route service and infrastructure needs.

A conversation regarding the new schedule for 2006 took place, pointing out that the Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> date is in conflict and should be moved to the 19<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made to change the schedule and to adopt the schedule as modified by **Bette Spinelli** and seconded by **Alan Lambiase**. Approved.

**John Fussa** spoke about municipal perspectives regarding planning or challenge grants as an incentive using the County for seed money. This was in conjunction with the Best Foods site of 35 acres and how it should be developed.

**Al Cameron** brought up how CEDS may get involved in the grant application to EDA regarding the reconstruction of Columbus Drive. **Stuart Koperweis** will be the conduit for this.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2006. Place to be determined.

**Joanne VanDorn** made motion to close meeting and **Bette Spinelli** seconded the motion.